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Dear Secreteriat and Honorable Delegates,

I am very honored to be here with you all today as the ambassador of Vietnam.

As you all know, Vietnam was unanimously admitted to the UN in 1977 following the unification of North and South Vietnam under a socialist government in 1976 after the end of the Vietnam War. Since then, the United Nations has been one of the most important parts of our foreign policy. We held a nonpermanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) back in 2008-2009 period. Over the past few years, we have been again showing interest to hold a nonpermanent seat at the council. The election results, announced on June 7, 2019 revealed a near unanimous vote for us, confirming that we will join Estonia, Niger, Tunisia, and Saint Vincent and Grenadines in January for a two-year stint on the Security Council, beginning in January 2020.

Our foreign policy can be viewed as threefold: Strengthening ties with neighboring states in the Mekong subregion 1 and be influential in the area, playing a more active role in the wider Southeast Asia region, and developing stronger bonds with a range of superpowers such as the United States or older but important ties with China and Russia.

We are striving to be more involved in functional issues such as peacekeeping. We hosted the second summit between 45th US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Hanoi. We are also proud to hold the chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as well.

While being a more active and influential player in the world arena, we are however also aware of our own country's challenges such as human rights.

Within its work in the field of human rights protection Vietnam, the UN Human Rights committee has issued recommendations on how Vietnam can strengthen its compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. We are working to excel in the steps we are taking in order to implement the recommendations by the two year deadline that has been given.

Vietnam regards the UN as a unique organ that should be able to aid and help coordinate the complex peacebuilding efforts in the countries on its agenda, to attract the attention of the world and to marshal additional resources.

Thank you.

I yield the floor to the PGA.